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House Bills

HB 2643 by Representatives Fromhold and Wallace

Providing exemptions from state business and occupation tax and state and local property tax for certain nonprofit student loan organizations.

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-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2644 by Representative Simpson

Prohibiting certain sex offenders on community custody from accessing the internet.

Requires that in a prosecution for a sex offense, the prosecuting attorney shall file a special allegation of internet facilitation whenever a reasonable and objective fact-finder could find that the defendant used the internet to facilitate the commission of the offense.

Provides that when sentencing an offender convicted of a sex offense with a finding of internet facilitation, the court, as a condition of any term of community custody shall prohibit the offender from accessing or using a computer without the prior written approval of the

department of corrections and require the offender to submit to unannounced inspections of his or her computer.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 2645 by Representatives Ericks, Rodne, and O'Brien

Changing prosecuting attorney salaries.

Changes the method for determining prosecuting attorney salaries.

Provides the state shall contribute an amount equal to one-half the salary of a superior court judge towards the salary of the prosecuting attorney. Upon receipt of the state contribution, a county shall continue to contribute towards the salary of the prosecuting attorney in an amount that equals or exceeds that contributed by the county in 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2646 by Representatives Wallace, Priest, and Sullivan

Requiring bereavement leave for employees of four-year institutions of higher education.

Requires bereavement leave for employees of four-year institutions of higher education.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2647 by Representatives Dickerson, Hudgins, Hunt, Morrell, Pedersen, Williams, Cody, Green, Campbell, and VanDeWege

Regarding the children's safe products act.

Provides, beginning January 1, 2009, no person may manufacture, knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in this state a children's product or product component containing the following: (1) Lead or cadmium at more than .004 percent by weight (forty parts per million);

(2) Phthalates, individually or in combination, at more than .01 percent by weight (one hundred parts per million).

Requires, by January 1, 2009, the department to identify high priority chemicals that are of high concern for children after considering a child's or developing fetus's potential for exposure to each chemical.

Requires a manufacturer of a children's product, or a trade organization on behalf of its member manufacturers, to provide notice to the department that the manufacturer's product contains a high priority chemical.

Requires a manufacturer of products that are restricted under this act to notify persons that sell the manufacturer's products in this state about the provisions of this chapter no less than ninety days prior to the effective date of the restrictions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Environmental Health.

HB 2648 by Representative Wallace; by request of Governor Gregoire

Enhancing campus safety and security.

Requires, within existing resources, each institution of higher education to provide to all students, faculty, and staff, and upon request to other interested persons, a campus safety plan.

Requires each institution of higher education to take the following actions: (1) Submit a self-study assessing its ability to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff, administration, and visitors on each campus, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of these measures;

(2) Submit a plan to address the unmet safety and security needs of each campus; and

(3) Submit an update to its plan, including an assessment of the results of activities undertaken under any previous year's plan to address unmet safety and security issues, and additional activities, or modifications of current activities, to be undertaken to address remaining safety and security issues at the institution.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2649 by Representative Alexander; by request of Governor Gregoire

Authorizing state general obligation bonds for the state's share of the Centralia-Chehalis flood control project.

Provides that for the purpose of providing funds to finance the state's share of the Centralia-Chehalis flood control project, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of fifty million dollars to finance this project.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 2650 by Representatives Santos and Ericks; by request of Department of Revenue

Authorizing a cigarette tax agreement between the state of Washington and the Yakama Nation.

Declares an intent that the cigarette tax agreement with the Yakama Nation reflects the uniqueness of the Yakama Nation's Treaty through specific terms that govern pricing of cigarettes, tribal cigarette tax revenue, information sharing, and administration of the agreement.

Provides that the agreement must require the Yakama Nation to impose and maintain in effect on the sale of cigarettes by tribal retailers a tax as provided in this act.

Provides that the agreement must allow the Yakama Nation to exempt its enrolled members from the tribal cigarette tax imposed under this act.

Requires that the revenue generated by the tax imposed under this act must be used by the Yakama Nation for essential government services.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2651 by Representatives Fromhold and Morrell; by request of Health Care Authority

Modifying requirements for participation in public employees' benefits board programs by K-12 school districts and educational service districts.

Modifies requirements for participation in public employees' benefits board programs by K-12 school districts and educational service districts.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2652 by Representatives Morrell and Fromhold; by request of Health Care Authority and Department of Retirement Systems

Transferring the dependent care assistance program to the health care authority by coordinating benefit plans that allow state and public employees to pay on a pretax basis.

Coordinates benefit plans that allow state and public employees to pay on a pretax basis to participate in benefits offered under sections 125 and 129 of the internal revenue code, including transfer of the dependent care assistance program to the health care authority.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2653 by Representatives Hinkle and Cody

Studying the impact of vendor rates or cost shifting between public and private purchasers of medical services.

Requires the governor's advisory committee on vendor rates to conduct an extensive examination of rates paid to licensed health care providers to determine whether the

rates paid by the department of social and health services are reasonable and necessary to ensure that medical program participants have access to accessible, quality services.

Requires vendor rates for medical services purchased by the department to include amounts reasonable and necessary to ensure access to licensed health care providers by all medical program participants by eliminating any cost shifting due to inadequate vendor rates.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2654 by Representatives Hinkle and Cody

Creating a process for certifying community-based mental health services.

Requires the department of social and health services to adopt rules to provide a standardized process for medicaid certification of community service agencies.

Requires the department to provide technical assistance to community service agencies to enable them to organize, become medicaid certified, and provide consumer-run, family-run, or advocate-run community-based mental health rehabilitation, recovery, and support services.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2655 by Representative Conway; by request of Employment Security Department

Concerning the imposition of delinquency tax rates for qualified employers.

Modifies the imposition of delinquency tax rates for qualified employers.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2656 by Representative Conway; by request of Employment Security Department

Correcting statutory references in the calculation of predecessor and successor employer contribution rates.

Corrects statutory references in the calculation of predecessor and successor employer contribution rates.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2657 by Representatives Loomis and Liias

Planning to ensure sufficient land and densities available to accommodate growth.

Requires the land use element of a comprehensive plan to designate, as appropriate, a sufficient quantity of land needed for residential uses consistent with the range of the growth management population projections made for the county by the office of financial management, and a sufficient quantity of land needed for commercial, industrial, and other nonresidential uses.

Provides a comprehensive plan may provide for innovative land use management techniques, including, but

not limited to, density bonuses, cluster housing, planned unit developments, mixed-use development, accessory dwelling units, and the transfer of development rights. Jurisdictions that are not subject to the requirements of RCW 43.63A.215 may provide for accessory dwelling units in their comprehensive plans and development regulations.

Allows a county and one or more of its cities, or two or more counties sharing a common border and their cities, to adopt countywide planning policies or multicounty planning policies establishing subregions in order to address housing and employment markets that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

Requires counties subject to RCW 36.70A.215 and counties east of the crest of the Cascade mountain range with a population greater than four hundred thousand to: (1) Consult with cities within each urban growth area in the county about developing criteria and procedures that may improve the process of modifying or designating new urban growth areas;

(2) Upon request, consult with any city or cities within the county that abut an unincorporated urban growth area or areas about adopting consistent development standards with those of the city or cities located within or adjacent to the urban growth areas; and

(3) Submit a report to the appropriate committees of the house of representatives and the senate by December 1, 2008, summarizing findings and recommendations resulting from the consultations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2658 by Representative Loomis

Preventing the invalidation of ballots that are marked so as to identify the voter.

Prevents the invalidation of ballots that are marked so as to identify the voter.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 2659 by Representatives Green, Morrell, Cody, and Pedersen

Establishing requirements for prescription drug marketing and disclosure.

Provides that the purpose of this act is to regulate gifts, grants, and gratuities made by pharmaceutical manufacturing companies, directly or indirectly, to any person or entity authorized to prescribe, dispense, or purchase prescription drugs in Washington.

Requires that starting January 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, every pharmaceutical manufacturer shall disclose to the board information on each gift, fee, or payment made to recipients in the state.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2660 by Representatives Green and Morrell

Establishing requirements for primary medical eye care.

Finds that the unique characteristics of eye care and the structure of insurance coverage relating to medical eye care and vision only services create confusion among enrollees of health plans and create inefficiencies in the delivery of medical eye care, and that creating a primary care medical home relationship for eye care patients will improve the quality of care and reduce the cost of eye care.

Declares that health plans covering primary medical eye care must conform to certain minimum requirements.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2661 by Representative Green

Providing for self-service storage facility late fees to be reasonable and stated in the rental contract.

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-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2662 by Representative Green

Lowering the voting age to sixteen.

Lowers the voting age to sixteen.

Provides that this act only takes effect if the proposed amendment to Article VI, section 1 of the state Constitution is validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by the voters at the next general election.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 2663 by Representative Green

Allowing seventeen year olds to vote provided they will be eighteen years old at the next general election.

Provides that seventeen year olds are eligible to vote in primary elections if they will be eighteen years old at the next general election.

Provides that this act only takes effect if the proposed amendment to Article VI, section 1 of the state Constitution is validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by the voters at a general election held in November 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 2664 by Representatives Pedersen, Cody, Green, Morrell, Seaquist, and Conway

Prohibiting the sale and use of prescriber-identifiable prescription data for marketing or promotional purposes.

Finds that prescriber-identifiable prescription data are used by pharmaceutical manufacturers to track the prescribing habits of every prescriber in Washington, allowing them to target their marketing efforts toward those prescribers that they find would lead to increased prescriptions and profitability.

Finds that the removal of the names and addresses of patients from prescription drug data purchased by pharmaceutical manufacturers and the physician data

restriction program offered by the American medical association are not adequate remedies to protect the privacy of patients.

Declares an intent to prohibit conduct involving the sale and use of individual prescriber prescription data for marketing or promotional purposes.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2665 by Representatives Dickerson and Conway

Implementing the recommendations of the joint legislative task force on family leave insurance.

Implements the recommendations of the joint legislative task force on family leave insurance.

Declares that the commissioner of the department of labor and industries shall appoint a state advisory committee. The committee shall aid the commissioner in formulating policies related to the administration of family leave insurance and of assuring consistency with program intent and impartiality and freedom from political influence in the solution of issues that may arise.

Requires that the employment security department shall conduct a study of the impacts, if any, of the family leave insurance program on the unemployment compensation system, and options for mitigating impacts.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2666 by Representatives Morrell, Cody, McCoy, Green, Hunt, Wallace, and Pedersen

Establishing standards for long-term care insurance.

Promotes the public interest, supports the availability of long-term care coverage, establishes standards for long-term care coverage, facilitates public understanding and comparison of long-term care contract benefits, protects persons insured under long-term care insurance policies and certificates, protects applicants for long-term care policies from unfair or deceptive sales or enrollment practices, and provides for flexibility and innovation in the development of long-term care insurance coverage.

Takes effect January 1, 2009.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2667 by Representatives Morrell, McCoy, Green, Hunt, Wallace, Cody, and Pedersen

Allowing the delegation of nursing tasks to care for persons with diabetes.

Finds that Washington state has developed a strong community-based long-term care system in an effort to honor the desire of elderly persons and persons with disabilities to live in their own home or other home-like settings and to provide long-term care services in a cost-effective manner. More than fifteen percent of adults over age sixty-five in Washington state have diabetes. Current nurse delegation statutes limit the ability of elderly and disabled persons with diabetes to remain in their own homes or in other home-like long-term care settings.

Declares the intent to modify nurse delegation statutes to the extent needed to enable elderly persons and persons with disabilities who have diabetes to continue to reside in their own home or other home-like settings.

Provides that in community-based or in-home care settings, the tasks of diabetic insulin device set up and verbal verification of insulin dosage for sight-impaired individuals is not required to be delegated from a registered nurse to a registered or certified nursing assistant.

Declares that the administration of insulin by injection to certified nursing assistants for the purpose of caring for individuals with diabetes may be delegated. When delegating insulin injections, the registered nurse delegator must supervise and evaluate the individual performing the delegated task weekly during the first four weeks of delegation of insulin injections. If the registered nurse delegator determines that the individual is competent to perform the injection properly and safely, supervision and evaluation shall occur at least every ninety days thereafter.

Provides that before commencing the care of individuals with diabetes that involves administration of insulin by injection, the certified nursing assistant must provide to the delegating nurse a certificate of completion issued by the department of social and health services indicating completion of specialized diabetes nurse delegation training.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2668 by Representatives Morrell, Green, Cody, Hunt, McCoy, Wallace, and Pedersen

Expanding programs for persons needing long-term care.

Finds that Washingtonians sixty-five years of age and older will nearly double in the next twenty years, from eleven percent of our population today to almost twenty percent of our population in 2025. Younger people with disabilities will also require supportive long-term care services.

Finds that to address this increasing need, the long-term care system should: support autonomy and self-determination, and support the role of informal caregivers and families; promote personal planning and savings combined with public support; include culturally appropriate, high quality information, services, and supports delivered in a cost-effective and efficient manner; and utilize evidence-based practices for the prevention and management of chronic disease to improve the general health of Washingtonians over their lifetime and reduce health care and long-term care costs related to ineffective chronic care management.

Requires that agencies conducting family caregiver long-term care information and support services develop an evidence-based tailored caregiver assessment and referral tool and provide the option of a one-time voucher benefit per caregiver screened to meet the needs critical to health or safety of either the adult care recipient or the caregiver.

Provides that the community based services for low-income eligible persons shall include long-term care planning and options counseling, information and crisis intervention, and streamlined assistance to access a wide array of public and private community-based services.

Requires that the department of health shall develop a statewide fall prevention program to include networking

community services, identifying service gaps, making affordable senior-based, evaluated exercise programs more available, providing consumer education to older adults, their adult children, and the community at large, and conducting professional education on fall risk identification and reduction.

Requires additional support for residents in community settings who exhibit challenging behaviors that put them at risk for institutional placement.

Establishes two seniors dental access projects.

Provides that if specific funding for the purposes of this act is not provided by June 30, 2008, this act is null and void.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2669 by Representatives Morrell, McCoy, Green, Hunt, Cody, and Pedersen

Creating the prescription drug professional education program.

Declares the purpose of this act is to assure that persons or entities authorized to prescribe, dispense, or purchase prescription drugs in Washington use an evidence-based approach.

Finds that: (1) The state of Washington has an interest in maximizing the well-being of its residents and in containing health care costs; and

(2) To further its legitimate interest in the well-being of its residents and containing health care costs, the state of Washington has shown, through numerous legislative and executive branch activities, a strong commitment to evidence-based care and cost-effective health purchasing.

Defines "program," "administrator," "authority," and "state purchased health care."

Establishes the prescription drug professional education program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2670 by Representative Campbell; by request of Governor Gregoire

Modifying disclosure provisions under the adverse health events and incident reporting system.

Provides when a medical facility confirms that an adverse event has occurred, it shall submit to the department of health notification of the event within forty-eight hours; and a report regarding the event with forty-five days.

Provides to the Washington state quality forum established in RCW 41.05.029 such information from the adverse events notifications under RCW 70.56.020(2)(a), the adverse events reports under RCW 70.56.020(2)(b), and the incidents notifications under RCW 70.56.040(5) as the department and the Washington state quality forum determine will assist in the Washington state quality forum's research regarding health care quality, evidence-based medicine, and patient safety.

Makes available to the public the notifications of adverse events under RCW 70.56.020(2)(a) and notifications of incidents as defined in RCW 70.56.010(8) (a) under RCW 70.56.040(5).

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2671 by Representative Sells

Concerning a sales and use tax exemption for materials and services related to the construction of affordable housing.

Provides the tax imposed by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of tangible personal property or labor and services to a limited liability company, or other company, for the constructing of housing if the company has received a commitment of funding to pay for the property, services, or homeowner purchase assistance in whole or in part, from: (1) A federal or state housing program administered by the department of community, trade, and economic development; or

(2) A federal, state, or local housing program administered by a city, town, county, other political subdivision, tribe, or housing authority.

Provides the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW do not apply to the use of tangible personal property or labor and services by a limited liability company, or other company, for the constructing of housing if the company meets any of the conditions under this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2672 by Representatives Conway, Green, and Barlow

Addressing adult family home caregivers.
 Addresses adult family home caregivers.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2673 by Representative Sells

Creating a business and occupation tax credit for qualified employer payments on student loans.

Creates a business and occupation tax credit for qualified employer payments on student loans.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 2674 by Representative Barlow; by request of Governor Gregoire

Modifying credentialing standards for counselors.
 Modifies credentialing standards for counselors.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2675 by Representative Hasegawa

Providing for a property tax exemption for the administrative offices of certain nonprofit organizations.

Provides the real and personal property used by a community or neighborhood nonprofit organization is exempt from taxation to the extent the property is used as an administrative office for the administration of the

charitable low and moderate-income housing programs of the organization.

Requires the department of revenue to provide rules regarding administrative offices exempt under this act, consistent with the purposes of this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2676 by Representatives Morris, Quall, and Linville
 Exempting dairy farms subject to the national pollutant discharge elimination system from shellfish protection district charges.

Exempts dairy farms subject to the national pollutant discharge elimination system from shellfish protection district charges.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2677 by Representative Ericksen

Concerning the removal of gravel from waterways to reduce the impact of flooding.

Allows for the removal of gravel from waterways to reduce the impact of flooding.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2678 by Representatives Kessler and VanDeWege

Restoring the preferential timber industry business and occupation tax rate to the manufacture of environmentally responsible surface material products from recycled paper.

Restores the preferential timber industry business and occupation tax rate to the manufacture of environmentally responsible surface material products from recycled paper.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2679 by Representatives Roberts, Pettigrew, Hunt, Hasegawa, and Sullivan

Creating programs to improve educational outcomes for students in foster care.

Creates programs to improve educational outcomes for students in foster care.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2680 by Representative Green

Reporting gifts from pharmaceutical marketers.

Regulates gifts, grants, and gratuities made by pharmaceutical manufacturing companies, directly or indirectly, to any person or entity authorized to prescribe, dispense, or purchase prescription drugs in Washington.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2681 by Representative Green

Concerning professional athletics regulated by the department of licensing.

Requires the director of the department of licensing to direct, supervise, and control all boxing, mixed martial arts, kickboxing, and wrestling events conducted within this state and an event may not be held in this state except in accordance with the provisions of chapter 67.08 RCW.

Provides no amateur or professional no holds barred fighting or combative fighting contest, exhibition, match, or similar type of event, nor any elimination tournament, may be held in this state.

Takes effect January 1, 2009.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2682 by Representative Bailey

Addressing fiscal notes.

Addresses fiscal notes.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2683 by Representative Miloscia

Creating an affordable housing for all program.

Creates an affordable housing for all program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Housing.

HB 2684 by Representative Barlow

Establishing a homeless families services program.

Establishes a homeless families services program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Housing.

HB 2685 by Representative Green

Regarding hours of labor for nurses.

Declares that employees of health care facilities shall be allowed scheduled meal and rest periods as specified in rules adopted by the department of labor and industries under this act. Employees of health care facilities are not engaged in the type of work that allows employees to take intermittent rest periods in place of scheduled meal and rest periods.

Requires that in addition to the restrictions of RCW 49.28.140, no employer shall permit any employee of any health care facility to work in excess of twelve hours in any twenty-four hour period. This act does not apply to unforeseeable emergent circumstances.

Provides that the department of labor and industries shall investigate complaints of violations of RCW 49.28.140 and this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2686 by Representatives Green, Campbell, and Appleton

Regulating contracting standards of home care agencies.

Provides the department of social and health services shall not contract with any home care agency, as defined in RCW 70.127.010, that has been found by the department of labor and industries or a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any provision of chapters 39.12, 49.46, and 49.48 RCW, unless the department finds that denying a contract would seriously inhibit the state's ability to provide vulnerable and elderly residents with quality community-based home care.

Provides a home care agency licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW shall not subcontract with any agency or individual to provide care to a client.

Provides a home care agency shall not employ, or be reimbursed for, a family member of a client who provides care for the client.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2687 by Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management

Making 2008 operating supplemental appropriations.

Makes 2008 operating supplemental appropriations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2688 by Representatives Roberts and Goodman

Constraining the department of corrections' authority to transfer offenders out of state.

Provides the secretary of corrections may not transfer an offender out of state if the offender: (1) Is regularly participating in extended family visitations with his or her child;

(2) Is regularly participating in parent-teacher conferences involving his or her child; or

(3) Has had at least six contacts, either in person or by telephone, with his or her child within the six months prior to the proposed transfer.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Human Services.

HB 2689 by Representative Cody

Evaluating association health plans.

Provides the insurance commissioner shall require carriers to report such data as the commissioner may determine are necessary for the evaluation of: (1) The impact of the sale of association health plans on the overall health care marketplace of this state; and

(2) The impact of association health plans that use claims data or health factors in setting rates for small groups that are included in an association plan.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2690 by Representative Cody

Creating a mental health first aid course.

Requires the department of social and health services to make available a mental health first aid course that trains members of the public in how to give initial help in mental health crisis situations and to support people developing mental health problems.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2691 by Representative Cody

Regarding the referral of patients by health care practitioners.

Regulates the referral of patients by health care practitioners.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2692 by Representative Cody

Creating a new nursing facility payment system.

Requires, by September 30, 2008, the department of social and health services to develop a draft proposal for a simplified nursing facility payment system and shall consider stakeholder input in the process of developing the proposal.

Establishes a joint legislative task force on long-term care residential facility payment systems to review recommendations of the department of social and health services on long-term care residential facility payment systems for the care of medicaid-eligible residents of nursing homes, boarding homes, and adult family homes in Washington state.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2693 by Representatives Morrell, Darneille, Moeller, and Hudgins

Regarding training and certification of long-term care workers.

Establishes training and certification of long-term care workers.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2694 by Representative Morrell

Establishing a prescription drug professional education program.

Establishes a prescription drug professional education program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4025 by Representatives Appleton, Hunt, Armstrong, Green, and Miloscia; by request of Secretary of State

Proposing a regional presidential primary.
Requests a regional presidential primary.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

House Joint Resolutions

HJR 4225 by Representative Green

Amending the Constitution to allow seventeen year olds to vote in a primary if they will be eighteen years old by the next general election.

Amends the Constitution to allow seventeen year olds to vote in a primary if they will be eighteen years old by the next general election.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HJR 4226 by Representative Green

Amending the Constitution to lower the voting age to sixteen.

Amends the Constitution to lower the voting age to sixteen.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

Senate Bills

SB 6303 by Senators Pflug and Prentice; by request of Health Care Authority and Department of Retirement Systems

Transferring the dependent care assistance program to the health care authority by coordinating benefit plans that allow state and public employees to pay on a pretax basis.

Coordinates benefit plans that allow state and public employees to pay on a pretax basis to participate in benefits offered under sections 125 and 129 of the internal revenue code, including transfer of the dependent care assistance program to the health care authority.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6304 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Shin, McAuliffe, Fairley, and McDermott

Allowing institutions of higher education to adopt rules regulating firearms on campus.

Allows institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016(4), to adopt rules: (1) Restricting or prohibiting the discharge of firearms in any institutionally owned or controlled lands, buildings, or facilities; or

(2) Restricting or prohibiting the possession of firearms in any institutionally owned or controlled lands, buildings, or facilities.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6305 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Fairley, Regala, Kline, McDermott, and Murray

Granting discretion to the department of health with respect to federal funding for the prevention of teen pregnancy.

Provides discretion to the department of health with respect to federal funding for the prevention of teen pregnancy under Title V of the federal social security act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6306 by Senators Rockefeller, Fairley, and Kline

Authorizing visitation rights for relatives of dependent children.

Authorizes a relative of a dependent child to petition the juvenile court for reasonable visitation with the child.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6307 by Senators Rockefeller, Kilmer, Jacobsen, and Kohl-Welles

Regarding marine managed areas.

Requires the Puget Sound partnership to prepare a Puget Sound marine managed areas plan to coordinate and strengthen all of the marine managed areas programs managed by state agencies and local governments.

Establishes the aquatic reserve system. The aquatic reserve system is comprised of those areas of state-owned aquatic lands designated by the department prior to the effective date of this act and any areas added to the system by order of the commissioner thereafter.

Allows the fish and wildlife commission to adopt rules governing the taking of fish, shellfish, or wildlife within or adjacent to a designated aquatic reserve, or other marine managed areas.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6308 by Senators Rockefeller, Regala, Murray, Kohl-Welles, Marr, Pridemore, Oemig, Kilmer, and Jacobsen

Preparing for and adapting to climate change.

Authorizes a study that will recommend the elements of a comprehensive program of climate change research, preparation, and adaptation.

Authorizes the department of ecology to create a work group that includes public and private sectors interests, including academic research interests, climate-related research, planning, and response functions.

Creates the office of Washington state climatologist.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6309 by Senators Rockefeller, Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Regala, Oemig, Pridemore, Murray, Marr, and Hatfield

Requiring disclosure of greenhouse gas tailpipe emissions.

Intends that presale and ongoing disclosure of emissions serve as a means of educating consumers, other motorists, and the general public about the sources of greenhouse gas, their impact, available options, and in particular the role and contribution of automobiles and other motor vehicles.

Requires disclosure of greenhouse gas tailpipe emissions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6310 by Senator Hargrove

Correcting obsolete references concerning chapter 10.77 RCW.

Corrects obsolete references concerning chapter 10.77 RCW.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6311 by Senator Hargrove

Revising procedures for competency evaluations and competency restoration.

Revises procedures for competency evaluations and competency restoration.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6312 by Senators Roach, Pridemore, Oemig, and Benton; by request of Secretary of State

Preventing rejection of ballots that have voter identifying marks.

Prevents the rejection of ballots that have voter identifying marks.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6313 by Senators McAuliffe, Rasmussen, and Tom

Recognizing disability history in the public education system.

Provides that annually, during the month of October, each public school and institution of higher education shall conduct or promote educational activities that provide instruction, awareness, and understanding of disability history and people with disabilities. The activities may include, but not be limited to, guest speaker presentations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6314 by Senator McAuliffe

Providing for arts education funding.

Intends to provide resources to help improve arts-infused curriculum and integration into schools and transform the teaching, learning, and school environments in Washington through the use of the arts.

Provides that the executive director of the Washington state arts commission shall designate a school arts programs account committee.

Provides that beginning with the 2012-13 school year, the school arts programs account committee shall establish an annual grant process to institute and sustain arts-infused curriculum, programs, and projects in public schools, which could include professional development for classroom teachers, specialist teachers, and principals in order to continue the curriculum, programs, and projects in the future.

Provides that curriculum, programs, and projects funded through the school arts programs account committee shall assist students to make connections within and across the arts to other disciplines, to learn about other cultures, and to strengthen communities through the use of the arts.

Provides that the school arts programs account is created in the custody of the state treasurer.

Provides that the Washington state lottery is the source of state arts programs account funds for all grant programs and projects in all state arts programs account committee and Washington state arts commission publications including, but not limited to, grant solicitations and brochures, advertising, and press releases.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6315 by Senator Morton

Including a wolf-hybrid in the definition of a "potentially dangerous wild animal."

Includes a wolf-hybrid in the definition of a "potentially dangerous wild animal."

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6316 by Senators Prentice, Delvin, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Gambling Commission

Providing that the gambling revolving fund retain its investment earnings.

Provides that the gambling revolving fund retain its investment earnings.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6317 by Senator Berkey

Requiring the payment of interest upon failure to pay death benefits that are payable under the terms of a group life insurance policy.

Requires that the payment of interest upon failure to pay death benefits that are payable under the terms of a group life insurance policy.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 6318 by Senator Berkey; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Reporting insurance premiums for tax purposes.

Requires, for tax purposes, the reporting of insurance premiums to be on a written basis or on a paid-for basis consistent with the basis required by the annual statement.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 6319 by Senators Kilmer, King, and Kastama

Extending the application deadlines for sales and use tax deferral programs.

Extends the application deadlines for sales and use tax deferral programs.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 6320 by Senators Haugen, Swecker, Hatfield, Sheldon, and Fraser

Providing for a deduction from the combined disposable income calculation for the senior property tax exemption for repairs to property required because of acts of nature.

Provides for a deduction from the combined disposable income calculation for the senior property tax exemption for repairs to property required because of acts of nature.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6321 by Senators Marr, Swecker, and Haugen; by request of Transportation Improvement Board

Transferring jurisdictional route transfer responsibilities from the transportation improvement board to the transportation commission.

Transfers jurisdictional route transfer responsibilities from the transportation improvement board to the transportation commission.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6322 by Senators Kohl-Welles and Fairley; by request of Board For Judicial Administration

Revising the definition of a weapon.

Provides that for the purposes of weapons prohibited in certain courthouse areas, "weapon" means any firearm, explosive as defined in RCW 70.74.010, or any instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as slung shot, sand club, or metal knuckles, or any knife, dagger, dirk, or other similar instrument or weapon that is capable of causing death or bodily injury.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6323 by Senators Kilmer, King, and Kastama

Improving the effectiveness of tax incentives for eligible business projects in rural counties and community empowerment zones.

Provides that for purposes of tax credits for eligible business projects in rural counties, the department of revenue shall not allow any credits which would cause the total to exceed ten million dollars in any fiscal year.

Provides that a person applying for a tax deferral under chapter 82.60 RCW will hire at least one qualified employment position for each two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of investment for which a deferral is requested.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 6324 by Senators Sheldon and Haugen

Providing liability immunity for aerial search and rescue activities managed by the department of transportation.

Provides that an act or omission by any person registered with the aviation division of the department for the purpose of engaging in aerial search and rescue activities, while engaged in such activities, shall not impose any liability for civil damages resulting from the act or omission.

Provides that the immunity provided under this act shall not apply to an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6325 by Senator Hargrove

Expanding juvenile offender suspended disposition alternatives.

Provides that for the purposes of juvenile offender suspended disposition alternatives, chemical dependency treatment programs or services must be evidence-based, research-based, consensus-based, or a promising or emerging best practice.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6326 by Senator Hargrove

Restoring the preferential timber industry business and occupation tax rate to the manufacture of environmentally responsible surface material products from recycled paper.

Restores the preferential timber industry business and occupation tax rate to the manufacture of environmentally responsible surface material products from recycled paper.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6327 by Senator Keiser

Providing unemployment compensation during labor disputes.

Requires unemployment compensation during labor disputes.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6328 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Shin, Schoesler, Kilmer, and Delvin; by request of Governor Gregoire

Enhancing campus safety and security.

Requires, within existing resources, each institution of higher education to provide to all students, faculty, and staff, and upon request to other interested persons, a campus safety plan.

Requires each institution of higher education to take the following actions: (1) Submit a self-study assessing its ability to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff, administration, and visitors on each campus, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of these measures;

(2) Submit a plan to address the unmet safety and security needs of each campus; and

(3) Submit an update to its plan, including an assessment of the results of activities undertaken under any previous year's plan to address unmet safety and security issues, and additional activities, or modifications of current activities, to be undertaken to address remaining safety and security issues at the institution.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6329 by Senator McCaslin

Modifying the jury selection process.

Modifies the jury selection process.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6330 by Senator McCaslin

Modifying juror compensation provisions.

Modifies juror compensation provisions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6331 by Senator McCaslin

Making temporary any changes to a parenting plan that were based on the military service of a parent.

Provides that any court-ordered modification of a prior custody decree or parenting plan, based solely on the military service of a parent, shall be temporary and shall revert back to the prior custody decree or parenting plan at the end of deployment outside the United States or federal military service.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6332 by Senators Kauffman, Kilmer, Shin, Murray, Sheldon, Marr, Rasmussen, Franklin, Berkey, Haugen, Kohl-Welles, Regala, Keiser, Spanel, McDermott, Rockefeller, and Kline; by request of Governor Gregoire

Increasing the debt limit of the housing finance commission.

Increases the debt limit of the housing finance commission.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 6333 by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, and Marr

Establishing a citizens' work group on health care.

Establishes a citizens' work group on health care reform. The work group shall present information and seek public input about, direct the economic analysis of, and review various health care proposals.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6334 by Senators Franklin, Regala, Fairley, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles

Regarding the scope of practice of health care assistants.

Provides that health care assistants be permitted to administer vaccines and immunizations in accordance with this act.

Modifies the definition of "health care practitioner" to include a licensed physician assistant or a licensed osteopathic physician's assistant.

The definition of "supervision" includes supervision by a health care practitioner during the administration of vaccines or immunizations.

Requires that each delegator, as defined under this act, shall maintain a list of the vaccines and immunizations that he or she has authorized for administration.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6335 by Senator Prentice

Concerning the homeless families services fund.

Makes an appropriation for expenditure into the homeless families services fund for the purpose of

replenishing the Washington families fund to match private donations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6336 by Senators Delvin, Prentice, Hewitt, and Kauffman; by request of Department of Revenue

Concerning the business and occupation tax classification for cleaning up radioactive waste certain other byproducts.

Includes services supporting the Hanford radioactive waste cleanup within the radioactive waste cleanup business and occupation tax classification.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6337 by Senator Jacobsen

Regarding the management of the Puget Sound commercial salmon fishery.

Instructs, consistent with RCW 77.50.120, 15.65.028, and this act, the fish and wildlife commission and department managers to facilitate the commercial harvest of Puget Sound salmon with the Puget Sound salmon commission and prioritize the management of fisheries in ways that, after meeting conservation objectives, prioritize the state's interest in promoting local value-added and processing activities, raising taxable values, and supporting the local food economy of the state.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6338 by Senator Jacobsen

Enacting the country of origin labeling act.

Requires all producers, growers, and shippers of beef, pork, poultry, or lamb in this state to label each individual portion, piece, or package of beef, pork, poultry, or lamb in a conspicuous place as legibly, indelibly, and permanently as the nature of the commodity will permit, in a manner that indicates to an ultimate purchaser that the product was produced in Washington.

Provides muscle cuts and ground beef, pork, poultry, or lamb, including any package that contains any blending of foreign and domestic product, that is produced in any country other than the United States and offered for retail sale in Washington must be labeled with a placard in a manner that indicates to an ultimate purchaser the country of origin.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6339 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Swecker, Hargrove, Regala, and Fraser

Providing for address confidentiality of victims of trafficking.

Provides address confidentiality for victims of trafficking.

- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.
- SB 6340** by Senators Rockefeller, Morton, Sheldon, Swecker, Hobbs, Berkey, and Kilmer
 Providing for a water system acquisition and rehabilitation program.
 Creates a water system acquisition and rehabilitation program.
 Declares the program will be jointly administered with the public works board and the department of community, trade, and economic development. All financing provided through the program must be in the form of grants that partially cover project costs. The maximum grant to any eligible entity may not exceed twenty-five percent of the funds allocated to the appropriation in any fiscal year.
 Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to prepare a report on the program.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.
- SB 6341** by Senators Kauffman, Delvin, and Marr
 Concerning electronic data recorders in motor vehicles.
 Regulates electronic data recorders in motor vehicles used to capture data for retrieval after a crash.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.
- SB 6342** by Senators Rasmussen, Swecker, Kastama, Haugen, Pridemore, Franklin, Hobbs, and Kline; by request of Military Department
 Creating the military department active state service account.
 Creates the military department active state service account.
 Provides expenditures from the account may be used for claims and expenses for the organized militia called into active state service to perform duties such as claims and expenses arising from anticipated planning, training, exercises, and other administrative duties that are not of an emergency nature.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6343** by Senators Morton and Carrell
 Authorizing small scale prospecting and mining in certain areas.
 Authorizes small scale prospecting and mining in certain areas.
 Authorizes up to one hundred permits annually for small scale prospecting and mining for the removal of gold from at least six appropriate beach areas within the Seashore Conservation Area.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- SB 6344** by Senator Morton
 Addressing driver's license examinations.
 Requires driver's license examinations to be conducted in English.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 6345** by Senator Morton
 Addressing the alternative bid procedure for public utility districts.
 Clarifies monetary limits for the alternative bid procedure for public utility districts.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 6346** by Senator Morton
 Increasing the maximum worth of materials utilized to implement prudent utility management.
 Changes the value of materials that may be utilized for work performed under prudent utility management without a contract.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.
- SB 6347** by Senator Morton
 Exempting small counties from certain day labor project requirements.
 Exempts counties with populations of twenty-two thousand or less from certain day labor project requirements.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 6348** by Senator Morton
 Protecting rural communities from the harmful impacts of interwatershed water rights transfers.
 Protects rural communities from the permanent and harmful impacts of interwatershed water rights transfers by allowing only limited and temporary transfers.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.
- SB 6349** by Senators Schoesler, Sheldon, Hewitt, and Hargrove
 Mitigating the impact of state correctional institutions on less populated counties.
 Authorizes mitigation of the impact of state correctional institutions on less populated counties.
 Declares the legislative authority of a qualifying county may impose a sales and use tax to be used for impact mitigation associated with large state correctional institutions on the county, cities, towns, school districts, and other affected junior taxing districts.

- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 6350** by Senator Prentice
 Addressing adult family home caregivers.
 Addresses adult family home caregivers.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.
- SB 6351** by Senators Prentice and Jacobsen
 Providing that certain popcorn mixtures are not prepared food for sales and use tax purposes.
 Provides that certain popcorn mixtures are not prepared food for sales and use tax purposes.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6352** by Senators Haugen, Stevens, Rasmussen, Swecker, Murray, Marr, and Spanel
 Providing criteria for the siting of an institution of higher education in the north Puget Sound region.
 Provides criteria for the siting of an institution of higher education in the north Puget Sound region.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
- SB 6353** by Senator Haugen
 Concerning public transportation fares.
 Provides that persons traveling on public transportation operated by a metropolitan municipal corporation shall pay the fare established by the metropolitan municipal corporation. Persons traveling on public transportation operated by a public transportation benefit area shall pay the fare established by the public transportation benefit area. Such persons shall produce proof of payment when requested by a person designated to monitor fare payment.
 Declares that the following constitute civil infractions punishable according to the schedule of fines and penalties established by either a metropolitan municipal corporation or a public transportation benefit area under this act: (1) Failure to pay the required fare;
 (2) Failure to display proof of payment when requested to do so by a person designated to monitor fare payment; and
 (3) Failure to depart the bus or other mode of public transportation when requested to do so by a person designated to monitor fare payment.
 Provides that a metropolitan municipal corporation or public transportation benefit area may establish, by resolution, a schedule of fines and penalties for civil infractions established in this act. A metropolitan municipal corporation or public transportation benefit area may designate persons who are equivalent to, and are authorized to exercise all the powers of, an enforcement officer and may take the following actions: (1) Monitor fare payment;
 (2) Request proof of payment from passengers;
- (3) Request personal identification from a passenger who does not produce proof of payment when requested;
 (4) Issue a citation; and
 (5) Request that a passenger leave the bus or other mode of public transportation when the passenger has not produced proof of payment after being asked to do so by a person designated to monitor fare payment.
 Declares that law enforcement authorities are not prevented from prosecuting for theft, trespass, or other charges by any individual who: (1) Fails to pay the required fare on more than one occasion within a twelve-month period;
 (2) Fails to timely select one of the options for responding to the notice of civil infraction after receiving a statement of the options for responding to the notice of infraction and the procedures necessary to exercise these options; or
 (3) Fails to depart the bus or other mode of public transportation when requested to do so by a person designated to monitor fare payment.
 Defines "proof of payment" to mean evidence of fare prepayment authorized by a metropolitan municipal corporation for the use of buses or other modes of public transportation.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 6354** by Senator Haugen
 Defining the class of persons and organizations that might be criminally liable for identity crimes.
 Defines the class of persons and organizations that might be criminally liable for identity crimes.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.
- SB 6355** by Senator Haugen
 Concerning the imposition of tolls.
 Establishes a policy that is intended to guide subsequent legislation and decisions regarding the tolling of specific facilities and corridors.
 Reserves the authority to impose tolls on any state transportation route or facility for the legislature.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 6356** by Senators Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Kline, McDermott, Prentice, and Murray
 Providing a leasehold excise tax exemption for nonprofit folk, ethnic, and traditional arts festivals.
 Provides a leasehold excise tax exemption for nonprofit folk, ethnic, and traditional arts festivals.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6357** by Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Regala, Kline, Murray, Fairley, McDermott, Hargrove, and McCaslin
 Regarding service of process in domestic violence cases.

Modifies service of process provisions regarding domestic violence cases.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6358 by Senators Regala, Stevens, and Hargrove

Adding child care providers, volunteers, and employees to the definition of "predatory" perpetrators for the purposes of filing a special allegation.

Adds child care providers, volunteers, and employees to the definition of "predatory" perpetrators for the purposes of filing a special allegation in a criminal action.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6359 by Senators Pflug, Keiser, and Fairley

Establishing a plan for dental care delivery.

Orders the health care authority and the department of social and health services to develop a five-year plan to change the way dental care is delivered and reimbursed within their health care programs.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6360 by Senators Pflug, Keiser, Swecker, Fairley, Hewitt, and Schoesler

Establishing a task force on primary care medical practice. Establishes a task force on primary care medical practice.

Directs the task force to examine ways to recruit and retain primary care physicians in the state, including providing greater reimbursement rates for primary care physicians who meet specified criteria.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6361 by Senators Pflug, Carrell, Stevens, Swecker, Delvin, and Schoesler

Regulating the exercise of religious beliefs and conscience in the practice of pharmacy.

Regulates the exercise of religious beliefs and conscience in the practice of pharmacy.

Declares no individual licensed pharmacist or pharmacy may be required by law or contract in any circumstances to participate in the provision of a specific service if the pharmacist or pharmacy objects to so doing for reason of conscience or religion. No person may be discriminated against in employment or professional privileges because of such objection.

Requires each pharmacist or pharmacy to adopt a written policy and procedures that address the issues of pharmacists' moral, ethical, and professional responsibilities and, if appropriate, allowing the pharmacist to exercise his or her choice to not participate, and at the same time not interfere with a patient's right to receive appropriate and lawfully prescribed or over-the-counter drug therapy or drugs and devices approved by the United

States food and drug administration for restricted or over-the-counter distribution by pharmacies.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8022 by Senators Fairley, Swecker, Pridemore, Roach, and McDermott; by request of Secretary of State

Proposing a regional presidential primary.

Requests a regional presidential primary.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SJM 8023 by Senator Morton

Requesting resources to manage gray wolf depredation in Washington.

Requests resources from the federal government to manage gray wolf depredation in Washington.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8223 by Senators Carrell, Oemig, Swecker, Roach, and McDermott; by request of Secretary of State

Repealing a conflicting residency requirement for voting in a presidential election.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution repealing a conflicting residency requirement for voting in a presidential election.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.